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SUBJECT: LUFTHANSA FLIGHTS TO BERLIN

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1. DEPARTMENT CAN ACCEPT TWO PART APPROACH SET FORTH IN
PARA 3 REFTEL (A) PROVIDED THAT:

(A) APPROACH TO CONFIRM SOVIET AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
TO LET LUFTHANSA ENTER BERLIN CONTROL ZONE IS MADE ONLY BY
CHAIRMAN ALLIED POLAD TO SOVIET COUNTERPART IN EAST
BERLIN.

(B) TECHNICAL LEVEL TALKS (WHICH WOULD FOLLOW POSI-
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TIVE SOVIET RESPONSE TO ALLIED POLAD PRESENTATION) PER-

MIT CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL MATTERS WHICH
SOVIETS RAISED IN BASC SEPTEMBER 4. IN THIS RESPECT,
WE AGREE THAT SOVIETS MAY WELL RESIST DISCUSSING
TECHNICAL ITEMS OF ALLIED INTEREST IN BASC IF ALLIES
ADAMANTLY REFUSE TO DISCUSS ITEMS SOVIETS WISH TO RAISE.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH POINTS RAISED IN BONN GROUP
MEETING, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO FRENCH AND BRITISH
THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO BARGAIN WITH SOVIETS AT POLAD
OR BASC LEVEL ABOUT WHETHER LUFTHANSA CAN ENTER BERLIN
CONTROL ZONE. IF SOVIETS TELL ALLIED POLAD CHAIRMAN

THAT NO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE EXISTS WITH GERMANS ON
THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD WISH TO INFORM FRG IMMEDIATELY,
AND SUGGEST MATTER BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY BETWEEN BONN
AND MOSCOW.

3. SHOULD, ON OTHER HAND, SOVIET CONFIRM AGREEMENT WITH
FRG, ALL THAT NEEDS BE DISCUSSED IN BASC IS TECHNICAL
IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES FOR LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO BASC.
NO QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SUCH
DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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